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SUBJECT: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON STEEL: MEETING OF EC
COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES

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1. SUMMARY: EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD MISSION
OFFICERS THAT COREPER MEETING ON SUBJECT OF DRAFT STEEL
RESOLUTION ON JULY 13 RESULTED IN MEMBER STATE AGREEMENT
IN PRINCIPLE ON THE US, EC, AND JAPANESE, DRAFT AND ON
PROCEDURES LEADING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STEEL
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COMMITTEE IN THE OECD. THE COMMISSION ATTRIBUTES THE
GOOD RESULTS PARTLY TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF A PENDING US
ANTI-DUMPING COMPLAINT. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO DG I OFFICIALS, COREPER AGREED IN
PRINCIPLE TO THE PARAGRAPHS ON PARTICIPATION, EXPORT
CREDITS, AND EXPORT RESTRICTIONS. HOWEVER, UNDER

PARTICIPATION THE FRENCH WOULD LIKE TO INSERT LANGUAGE LINKING INVITATIONS TO NON-OECD MEMBERS TO ARTICLE 12 OF THE OECD STATUTES WHICH PROVIDES FOR COUNCIL DETERMINATION OF THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SUCH PARTICIPATION MAY OCCUR (THE COMMISSION'S UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE COUNCIL COULD DELEGATE THIS POWER TO THE COMMITTEE).

3. MEMBER STATES ALSO FAVORED SOME CHANGES IN THE EXPORT CREDIT PARAGRAPH. AFTER THE WORDS QUOTE PLANT AND EQUIPMENT END QUOTE THEY PROPOSE TO REPLACE THE WORD QUOTE AND UNQUOTE WITH THE PHRASE QUOTE BY ASSURING END QUOTE. IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE RIGHT TO MATCH EXPORT CREDITS FROM NON-MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, MEMBER STATES WANT TO ADD THE SENTENCE QUOTE MOREOVER THEY WILL REFRAIN FROM INITIATING ANY DEROGATION IN THE RULES FORESEEN THEREIN END QUOTE.

4. COREPER ALSO AGREED THAT THE OECD SECRETARIAT SHOULD DISTRIBUTE A DRAFT TEXT ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE TO THE OECD MEMBER STATES AND THAT A MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN LATE JULY AT THE OECD TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT WITH THE HOPE OF A FORMAL AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STEEL COMMITTEE IN THE AUTUMN.

5. COMMISSION STEEL DIRECTOR MAURICE SCHAEFFER TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT THE TONE AND OUTCOME OF THE MEETING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WAS NOTICEABLY AFFECTED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT, MADE BY DAVIGNON, THAT GEORGETOWN STEEL CORPORATION HAD WITHDRAWN ITS ANTI-DUMPING COMPLAINT AGAINST UK AND FRENCH PRODUCERS OF WIRE ROD. HINTON

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